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In re application of: Richard Martin Jacobson, et.al.

Serial No.: 10/645,431 : Group Art Unit: 1616

Filed: 08/21/2003 : Examiner: Qazi, Sabiha Naim

For: Method to Inhibit Ethylene Responses in Plants

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This is a response submitted in connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 2-10 are withdrawn from consideration. In the prior Final Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected and claims 2-10 were subject to restriction.

Amendments to the claims were filed in the response to the Final Office Action but were not entered. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims in connection with this submission. A copy of the amended claims is included with this submission beginning on page 2.